

Through cooperation with Congress, President Reagan was able to cut taxes, curb inflation, and increase employment. His policies stimulated our economy and initiated the largest peace-time economic expansion in history. He revolutionized the role in which government plays in the lives of individual citizens. The American people showed their support and appreciation for President Reagan by re-electing him in the largest electoral landslide in history.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy Reagan's role as First Lady was gracious and elegant. She fought to restore values and decency to our nation. She effectively and tirelessly promoted the "Just Say No" Anti-Drug campaign and brought that issue to the national forefront. In 1985 she held a conference at the White House for the first ladies of 17 different countries to focus international attention on the Drug problem. She continues to work on her campaign to teach children to "say no to drugs." Through these and other worthy efforts, Nancy Reagan has established herself as a national icon and an outstanding American.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to support this legislation in recognition of their service to our nation, and to congratulate both President and Nancy Reagan as we wish them good health and happiness in the days ahead.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3591. At the same time, I am very supportive of President Reagan's publicly stated view of limiting the federal government to its proper and constitutional role. In fact, I was one of only four sitting members of the United States House of Representatives who endorsed Ronald Reagan's candidacy for President in 1976. The United States enjoyed sustained economic prosperity and employment growth during Ronald Reagan's presidency.

I must, however, oppose the Gold Medal for Ronald and Nancy Reagan because appropriating \$30,000 of taxpayer money is neither constitutional nor, in the spirit of Ronald Reagan's notion of the proper, limited role for the federal government.

Because of my continuing and uncompromising opposition to appropriations not authorized within the enumerated powers of the Constitution, I would maintain my resolve and commitment to the Constitution—a Constitution, which only last year, each Member of Congress, swore to uphold. In each of these instances, I offered to do a little more than uphold my constitutional oath.

In fact, as a means of demonstrating my personal regard and enthusiasm for Ronald Reagan's advocacy for limited government, I invited each of these colleagues to match my private, personal contribution of \$100 which, if accepted by the 435 Members of the House of Representatives, would more than satisfy the \$30,000 cost necessary to mint and award a gold medal to Ronald and Nancy Reagan. To me, it seemed a particularly good opportunity to demonstrate one's genuine convictions by spending one's own money rather than that of the taxpayers who remain free to contribute, at their own discretion, to commemorate the work of the Reagans. For the record, not a single Representative who solicited my support for spending taxpayer's money, was willing to contribute their own money to demonstrate their generosity and allegiance to the Reagan's stated convictions.

It is, of course, very easy to be generous with the people's money.

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3591.

The question was taken.

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3591.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BALKANS TRADE MISSION MEMORIAL

(Mr. FARR of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, on April 3, 1996, the Department of Commerce suffered the greatest tragedy in its history when 35 people perished in a plane crash while conducting a trade mission to the Balkans.

Ronald H. Brown, then Secretary of Commerce, was leading a delegation of private sector businessmen and government officials on a trade mission to seek ways to implement the civilian aspects of the Dayton peace accords through trade ties and investment opportunities. Secretary Brown and his staff were accompanied by a group of chief executive officers of major companies who agreed to help restore Bosnia's buildings, its water and energy systems, its tourism and its banking system. The goal of the trip was to start our U.S. commercial presence, to start economic reconstruction and to include U.S. companies in the development of the region. It was a mission of hope for the war torn region and an opportunity for American business. The members of the trade mission thought they would be able to use the power of the American economy to help peace take hold in the Balkans. Their quest was cut short on an unwelcoming mountain in Croatia.

Today, the families of all of those victims of that crash gathered here in Washington to unveil a memorial, a memorial that is a lasting testimonial

written by the families of those loved ones who were lost on that fateful day. I took part in the dedication of that memorial at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the names of the people that were on that memorial and hope everyone will take advantage of visiting it in our beautiful Department of Commerce.

"All of them were so full of possibility, even as we grieve for what their lives might have been, let us celebrate what their lives were."

President William Clinton

#### TRADE MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Staff Sergeant Gerald V. Aldrich II, Flight Mechanic, United States Air Force.

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Dragica Lendic Bebek, Interpreter, Republic of Croatia.

Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce.  
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